

The Fisherman's Log

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean

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Sunday School 9:15 AM / Worship 10:30 AM

Mission Statement...Marked with the cross of Christ forever – we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of his world.

March Schedule... DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!

Sunday School / Worship.....	03-01-09
Lent Worship (Meth)6PM.....	03-04-09
Bible Study (6:30PM).....	03-05-09
Sunday School / Worship... <i>Change your clocks...</i>	03-08-09
Congregational Meeting/Covered Dish.....	03-08-09
Church Council Meeting (7 PM).....	03-10-09
Lent Worship (Gal)6 PM.....	03-11-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	03-15-09
Lent Worship (Meth) 6PM.....	03-18-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	03-22-09
Lent Worship (Gal) 6PM.....	03-25-09
Friday Night Care Group (7:30 PM).....	03-27-09
Sunday School / Worship.....	03-29-09
Men's Gathering (6 PM).....	03-30-09
Lent Worship (Meth) 6PM.....	04-01-09
Spring Clean-up Day (9 AM).....	04-04-09

Church Council Members.....

Carl Hilt – President	Linda Busfield - Member
Colleen Marr – Secretary	Mike Enault - Member
Bret Jacobs – Treasurer	Betty Marshall - Member
Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary	Buddy Lobell - Member
Don Loisel – Member	Janice Church – Member
Gunn Landry – Member	

Our Special Prayers Go Out To....

...all our Mission Partners throughout the United States;
...our troops who are in harms way;
...our church leadership;
...our government leadership;
...those suffering from all types of health problems;
...those recovery from illnesses and surgeries;
...those mourning the loss of loved ones;
...those in search of employment;
...those celebrating special occasions in their lives;
...remember the special remembrance bulletin board in the hallway for your special thanks and prayers.

Special Thanks.....

...to all our mission partners for their continued prayers, concern, and support.
...thanks to all those who have & continue to serve as our church council members and officers. We also thank those who have agreed to step up and serve as new council members and officers.

Church Council Meeting.....

Church council will meet on Tuesday night, March 10 at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

Healing Service.....

Our next healing services will be Sundays, March 1 & April 5 immediately following worship. We resume our mid-week healing services after Lent and Holy Week.

Wednesday Bible Studies.....

Beginning Wednesday, April 15 we will resume our weekly Bible studies. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

2008 Church Income...

Income is tied to church attendance. With more people attending church, offerings will also be generally higher. Our average attendance is 2008 was 45 people per Sunday and was lower that 2007 by one. Since Katrina, we have averaged between 45 and 49 people for Sunday worship services.

Total income for expenses last year was \$158,854, our highest ever. \$54,101 was from our mission partners which will continue in 2009 and then end their three year commitments being met. Members made up the bulk of the remaining income through regular offerings and mortgage offerings. Everyone should be congratulated for their mortgage offerings

over regular offerings. Mortgage offerings totaled \$20,215 in 2008 which was 16% above pledge commitments of \$17,500.

Our focus now needs to be on growing our church in the years ahead to insure our viability in the future.

Great job! Bob Busfield – Financial Secretary

The Holy Madness Clown Troupe is coming April 26

Join us in our Lenten journey...

From the pastor's desk.....

February 25th we began the Lenten Season with a joint worship service with our neighbor sisters & brothers from First United Methodist Church. This service was the first as we share soup & sandwiches and worship on Wednesday nights concluding with Galilean worshipping at First United Methodist for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

Lent is the time in the church year when we raise high the suffering of Christ and his death on the cross. It is also the time when we as sinners should come to grip with, because our sins and no matter how big or small, the reason Jesus had to suffer and die.

Lent can become a time where each of us, who proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, puts Jesus first in our lives and comes to our house of worship as we thank God for what was done for us in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

Worship Bulletins...

As a result of our recent weekend retreat with Pastor Nelson from Covenant and in an attempt to make your worship experience easier to follow, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we implemented a new seasonal bulletin which will include most of the worship service except for the readings, Psalms, Gospel, and songs. Your Music / Worship Team will be interested your input.

Lenten Worship...

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent one may notice varies year to year. Ash Wednesday is 2008 was February 6; 2009 it was February 25; 2010 it will be February 17; and on 2011 it will be March 9. This date is based on Easter being the first Sunday following the first full moon after spring begins. We say that Lent is 40 days when it actually covers a period of 46 days because the Sundays are not counted.

This Lenten season we are trying something different. We will be alternating worship with our neighbors, First United Methodist Church of LaPlace. Ash Wednesday worship was a joint service at the Galilean. The following Wednesday night we worshipped with our neighbors and will alternate from that point...each Wednesday night at 6 PM (dinner) and at 7 PM (worship). The hosting church will provide soup, dessert, and drink; and, the visiting church will provide sandwiches.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (evening) worship will be joint worship services. Maundy Thursday worship will be separate services. Pastor is planning Good Friday afternoon worship services at the Galilean.

SCHEDULE...

Feb. 25 – (Galilean)	March 25 - (Galilean)
March 4 - (First United)	April 1 - (First United)
March 11 - (Galilean)	April 9 - (Galilean)
March 18 - (First United)	April 10 - (First United)

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in our Lenten journey.

New Hymnals....

Sunday, December 21, we changed from the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV) to the ELCA's new worship hymnal, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).

Over the last few Sundays there has been information and a form in each bulletin explaining how each of you can donate a hymnal or hymnals. Donation slips are still available on the coffee table in the narthex.

I would suggest each family consider purchasing a copy for their home. For those who desire a hymnal for home use can order them at the same time as we order the additional copies for the church.

Yours in Christ... Pastor Shuman

LBW (Green) Hymnals...

All the LBW (green) hymnals have been removed from the sanctuary since we are currently using the new ELW (red) hymnals. Most of the donated LBW hymnals in honor or memory of someone have been spoken for. Anyone who did not donate a green hymnal and would like

a copy for your home, you can pick up a copy in the narthex. If any questions, please see Carl or Sharon Hilt.

Mission Partnership Program.....

Lutheran brothers and sisters from other churches from throughout this country continue to step up to partner with us to help grow our church and our ministry here in LaPlace and the river parishes. We applaud and thank them for coming forward to be there for us.

Congregational Meeting...There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 8 immediately following worship...the purpose of the meeting is to review 2008 activities, approve the projected five year budget, and the election of new council members. It is of utmost importance that you be there...the future of the Galilean is in our hands...its success is for us to plan and implement.

Fellowship....

There will be a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, March 8 immediately following the congregational meeting. We are planning our annual covered dish breakfast on Easter morning at 9AM prior to worship. Immediately following worship there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the front yard for the children (also, for those of you who are young at heart).

Evangelism.....

Remember...evangelism is something that all of us should be doing on a regular basis...not just a committee. PLEASE ASK A FRIEND, A RELATIVE, A NEIGHBOR, A CO-WORKER TO WORSHIP. DO YOU REMEMBER WHO ASKED YOU TO COME TO WORSHIP AT THE GALILEAN? YOU CAME, YOU SAW, YOU JOINED...WHY NOT GIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SOMEONE ELSE.

Care Group.....

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO WIND DOWN FROM A LONG WEEK ON FRIDAY NIGHT? On the last Friday of each month a group of 10 -15 of your brother & sister Galileans get together for **great food, lighthearted conversation about issues which concern us all, and fantastic fellowship.** Come join us on a Friday night to see what it is all about!

Men's Ministry.....

Our next meeting will Monday, March 30. See Steve Dupre for details. There is no date available at this time for the next area men's gathering.

Ministry of Care.....

The St. John Ministry of Care continues to need help with food drives and with individuals to work as case workers. Please see Sharon Hilt for any additional information.

HOSPITALITY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LUTHERAN WHEN...

YOU SING 'STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS; WHILE SITTING DOWN

'The Lutheran' Magazine...

Over the last several weeks you have notice a request for you to consider purchasing a subscription of THE LUTHERAN magazine. If we do it as a group the rate is much less than an individual subscription. I personally recommend the magazine as I believe it gives each of us an insight to what is going on in the world as the church sees it and describes how we as Lutherans are involved. For example, the March issue has an article entitled 'Checking Facts in the Holy Land'. It is about the trip 44 of our bishops (including Bishop Mike) took to the Holy Land. There is an article on the 'Downside of Worship' which I found very interesting as we work hard to increase our understanding of how we evangelize. The article is included in this newsletter.

The cost for at least 10 families is \$7.95 per year...we already several families interested...please see me...thanks, Pastor Ken

Dates to Remember...

March 29	3PM	Peace anniversary with Bishop Mike
April 4	9AM	Spring clean-up day
April 26	10:30AM	Holy Madness Clowns at Galilean
May 28 - 30		Synod Assembly
June 7	10:30AM	Bishop Mike preaching at CTK
June 7	2:30PM	Bayou Mass Choir rehearsal (Grace)
June 7	3PM	Grace Organ Dedication with Bishop Mike/seafood festival
July 20-26		Youth Gathering in New Orleans
August 30	2PM	Pastor Shears farewell worship (Gethsemane)
Sept. 13	10:30AM	Bishop Mike preaching at Galilean
Sept. 13	3PM	Bayou gathering at Galilean

LENT - A TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP...

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Worship Participants - March...

Assisting Minister

	Todd Greicar
<u>Ushers / Greeters</u>	03-01 Church / Dupre
	03-08 Dupre / Marshall
	03-15 Marshall / Lobell
	03-22 Lobell / Neighbors
	03-29 Neighbors / Migliore

Readers

	03-01 A. Johnson
	03-08 S. Dupre
	03-15 Youth Sunday
	03-22 S. Neighbors
	03-29 W. Migliore

Offering Counters

	03-01 M. Loisel / R. Busfield
	03-08 P. Migliore / R. Busfield
	03-15 P. Migliore / A. Neighbors
	03-22 M. Loisel / A. Neighbors
	03-29 B. Jacobs / A. Neighbors

Alter Guild

	03-01 D. Shuman / D. Johnson
	03-08 W. Lobell / C. Greicar
	03-15 B. Marshall / C. Gab
	03-22 M. Loisel / C. Marr
	03-29 D. Shuman / D. Johnson

Book Program.....

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS FOR BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS. Steve Dupre has been heading up our book outreach program and he is now collecting books for children and senior citizens. Steve has delivered books and they are very appreciative of them. Please continue to bring your used books to church and Steve will see that they get to facilities where they can be used. Thanks.

Building /Property Repairs Needed.....

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, WE ARE PLANNING OUR SPRING WORK DAY...WE HAVE A FEW PROJECTS TO BE DONE OUTSIDE AND SOME OTHER PROJECTS FOR THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH...MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO HELP!

We are currently in negotiations with several local air conditioning firms to evaluate our present systems. In addition, we will shortly begin the replacement of two windows in the fellowship hall.

We still have repairs needed to the overhang on the back porch...need someone to champion this project - please see Carl.

There are still a number of projects around the property that still need addressed. Why not make it a family work project ... your help is needed...please see Carl.

Housekeeping Items.....

We are in need some items for housekeeping and for the kitchen. We need bathroom cleaner, hand soap, air spray & deodorizers for the

bathrooms, paper towels, and toilet paper; and, for the kitchen - coffee, coffee creamer, sugar packets, and sugar substitute packets.

Flower/Candle Chart.....

If you are interested in donating candles or flowers for a special event ... charts are on the hall bulletin boards.

'The Fisherman's Log' Newsletter.....

Articles or messages for the newsletter need to be given to Carl Hilt by mid-month to be published in the following month's issue.

Membership Address / Phone List.....

Our membership listing has been updated and copies are available in the narthex.

Website Updates.....

Checkout the Galilean website...lots of new updates.

God's Word.....

'Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.'

Acts 9:31 NRSV

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youth gathering – new orleans

july 20 – 26, 2009

'ARE YOU PART OF THE LENTEN JOURNEY?'